

Van Meter News

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!

Elected Officials:

Mayor-Allan Adams

Council

**-Becca Wiederholt,
Mayor Pro Tem**

-Richard Booge

-Adam Coyle

-Bob Lacy

-Kim Sacker

City Staff:

**Jake Anderson-954-6094
City Administrator**

**Liz Thompson-669-6396
Deputy Clerk**

**Dave Herman-240-9280
Public Works**

**Chad Gillespie-371-9933
Public Works**

**Chuck Mash-202-4154
Police Chief**

**Jolena Welker-
Library Director
(vanmeterpl@mchsi.com)**



-Library-996-2435

-Post Office-996-2458

-Non-Emergency-

In the spirit of collaboration the City provides the School the space for this message:

The Van Meter School Board and Johnny Boyd, CEO and Architect at the ORIS architectural firm designed a long term plan for facilities improvements at Van Meter Schools. Those plans included the renovation of the track and field complex. The plans also focus on identifying areas of need for the District today and into the future. The Board identified several things to consider when putting together its master plan for facilities improvements and include: Student Safety, Interactive and Student-Centered Learning, Technology integration in a more flexible space designed for 21st century learning, Enrollment Growth, Traffic Flow and Parking, Food Preparation and Service Center, Dining Center, Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades, Managing water flow, Competition Gym, Elementary Playground, Fine Arts/Flexible Auditorium Space, Community Fitness Facility.

From those discussions, Mr. Boyd developed a schematic design for the Board and the community to consider for facilities improvements as we move forward. The District has considered ways to fund a project that would be set up in phases for improvement, renovation, and development of new facilities. To properly fund a project of this type, the District asked members of the community to form a steering committee to see if there might be interest in pursuing a school bond issue to improve the facilities. This committee includes the following members: Jarret Golwitzer- Co-Chair, Janine Reames- Co-Chair, Jeff Potthoff, Carrie Lauterbach, Pat Waldron, Paul Scieszinski, Robin Sobotka, Carrie Rhodes, Mark Smith, Mike Koch, Dan Barth, Brent Olson, Dan Phillips, Joyce Hoppes, Gayle O'Brien, Johnny Boyd, Rick Roberts- Dean of Students/Activities Director, Lance Lauterbach- Board Member, Brian Gordon- Board Member, Deron Durflinger- Superintendent/Secondary Principal.

This group has met multiple times and has been presented information on the facility needs of the District, enrollment trends, school district funding, and 21st century learning. The goal of the committee is to determine if a bond issue is needed to improve the facilities in a systematic way to best benefit the students of Van Meter. The District's bonding capacity is near \$7.7 million. At the time of this article, a decision has not been made, but it appears as if the committee is in support of petitioning the Board to initiate a bond referendum for the Van Meter Community School District. This would be a tax increase on the debt services of the District of \$1.85/\$1000 of assessed property value for residential property owners in the Van Meter District. With the tax rollback, it would mean an increase of about \$85 in property taxes for a home assessed at \$100,000. The vote for the bond referendum voting date would be established by the Van Meter School Board, and could be as early as September 11. More information will be available on the Van Meter District website if the petition is presented to the School Board at the July 16th School Board Meeting.

American Legion Post 403 Summer Kayak RAFFLE
\$5 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$25



Raffle Drawing Date: July 23, 2012
To Purchase Tickets contact: Denny Sutherland
Or any Legion Post Member
515-996-2817
Kayak brand is: "Old Town"
Highly Respected Quality Kayak
Approximate Value \$500.00
Kayak will be on display at Saturday weekly Van Meter Farmer's Market – 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

29th ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS PRESENTED TO POST 403



Pictured from left to right are: Roland Joiner (DeSoto), Mark Kamm (VM), Jim Koch (VM), Chuck Smith (VM), Dale Golightly (VM), Gordon Martens (VM), Post Commander Marsha Whiteaker (VM), Lt. Governor Reynolds, Irwin Le-

The Governor's Volunteer Award is presented to individuals and groups. Post 403 was recognized for their support of the State Cemetery located near Van Meter. Post supports the Cemetery for veteran military honors, flag set-ups for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Fourth of July, parking for special events of MIA (Missing in America) committals, Wreaths Across America, initial Cemetery ground breaking, building of signs, thawing out of ground for burials in winter time periods, raising and lowering of flags when requested by Cemetery staff for holiday situations --- and for the proposed Post building where veterans families can meet after the veteran committal service. The new Post building will be available to veterans' families "free of charge" to meet 1 mile away from the Cemetery while they have to wait for the ground interment. Post fundraising to build this build

Dallas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The federal government requires all states and local governments to have hazard mitigation plans approved by FEMA that are consistent with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). This is required to maintain eligibility for certain types of federal disaster assistance, such as pre-disaster and post-disaster mitigation funding.

Dallas County is developing a comprehensive Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to better address potential natural hazards **before they occur** and now seeks public comment. This plan is intended to identify feasible strategies to reduce the potential loss of life, human suffering, and loss of property from natural disasters, such as floods, severe winter storms, tornadoes, and windstorms.

Please take a minute to review the material below and complete the very short questionnaire on the back.

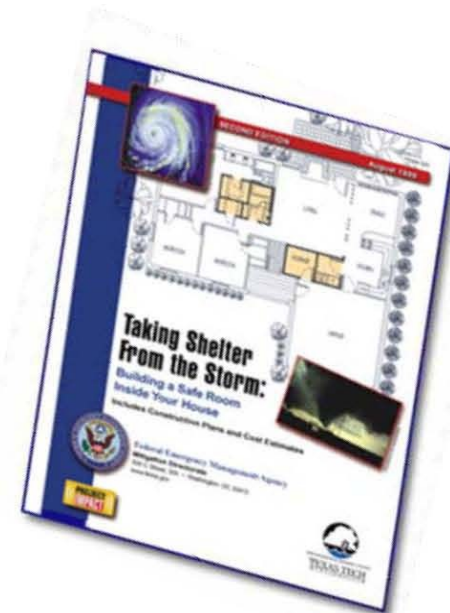


City of Perry - Pattee Park Tree Damage - Dawson Storm

This is a **multi-jurisdictional planning process** and is a cooperative effort between Dallas County, the incorporated cities, and the school districts.

Planning Committee's Ranking of Hazards Likely to Affect Dallas County

Hazard Type	Planning Significance
Tornado	High
River Flooding	High
Severe Winter Storm	High
Flash Flood	Moderate
Windstorm	Moderate
Grass or Wildland Fire	Moderate
Hailstorm	Moderate
Thunderstorms and Lightning	Moderate
Animal/Crop/Plant Disease	Moderate
Dam Failure	Moderate
Drought	Moderate
Levee Failure	Moderate
Expansive Soils	Low
Landslide	Low
Extreme Heat	Low
Earthquake	Low
Sinkholes	Low



1. The hazards addressed in the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan are listed below. Please indicate the level of risk, or extent of potential impacts, in Dallas County that you perceive for each hazard. **Please rate EACH hazard 1 through 5 as follows:**

1=negligible, 2=limited, 3=moderate, 4=critical, or 5=catastrophic.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal/Crop/Plant Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Landslide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Levee Failure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drought | <input type="checkbox"/> River Flooding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake | <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Winter Storm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansive Soils | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinkholes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Heat | <input type="checkbox"/> Thunderstorms and Lightning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flash Flood | <input type="checkbox"/> Tornado |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grass or Wildland Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Windstorm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hailstorm | |

2. Requests for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds are currently reviewed initially by the Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency. Listed below are their eligible project types. **Please check those that could benefit your community in your opinion:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Flood-prone Property Acquisition & Structure Demolition /Relocation | <input type="checkbox"/> New Tornado Safe Room Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flood-Prone Structure Elevation | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical Utilities Infrastructure Retrofit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Floodproofing of Historical Residential Structures | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion Stabilization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Floodproofing of Non-residential Structures | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire Mitigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Localized Flood Reduction Projects (storm water management or localized flood control projects) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings (adding a tornado safe room) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-structural Retrofitting of Existing Buildings, and Facilities from wind damage. | |

3. Please comment on any other issues that the planning committee should consider in developing a strategy to reduce future losses caused by natural hazard events.

Library News - Check it Out!

Phone: 996-2435
Email: Vanmeterpl@mchsi.com

"Do what we can, summer will have it's flies." Ralph Waldo Emerson

July 4th - Independence Day

Fireworks * Swimming * Camping * Tubing * the corn should be knee high by the 4th of July * Picnics * Family reunions

The summer reading program is still going through the end of July and it is never too late to sign up!

- July 3rd the Blank Park Zoo is coming with a baby alligator, tarantula, an owl and a ferret. Read up on these and come visit the zoo animals at 2 pm that day.

- July 5th the E-train (E-bank) will be giving rides to the kids starting at 10 am.

Be sure to check out some cool reads and relax this summer.

We have new titles for Junior fiction and non-fiction, Young Adult and Adult.

Also there are a lot of books to read or listen to in WILBOR, If you need help with the e-books or audio books just stop in and we'll set up a time to spend with you.

We want to **Thank Holly Adams** for bringing in the carpet pieces from Archers. Also **Thank You to Daniel Duarte** for the foam pieces that the kids can use to sit on or build with. **Thank You to Sam Welker** for a new croquet set and playground balls. Kids come in and spend time reading and then get in some outside time in the park.

The July book club will be reading the first book in the Hunger Games. Please join us the third Thursday of every month at 7 pm.

I recommend the movie "War Horse" and the book by James Patterson "Middle School - My Worst years."

Please stop in for coffee and read the paper or the magazine of your choice. We have so many to choose from. Thank you! Jolena and Vickie

Library Hours

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Tuesday Evening 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday Morning 9 a.m. to Noon



Summer Reading!
Kids don't forget to "Dream
Big" and Teens
"Own the Night"

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alties, punishment for violation of this Code section includes an assessment of a fine of at least \$250. The City has an interest in both protecting its citizens and enforcing Iowa law, and it intends to enforce any violations under this provisions. Please refrain from either using or exploding, or permitting the use or explosion of prohibited fireworks within the City. Call Police Chief Mash at 515-202-4154; or Dallas County Dispatch at 515-993-4567 to report any violations.



Nuisance Issues

In the nuisance section of the code are junk vehicles, noise control, animal protection and control, and dangerous and illegal animals.

In part, the dog ordinance prohibits an owner to allow a dog to run at large within the corporate limits of the City. It is unlawful for the owner of an animal to allow or permit such animal to pass upon the premises of another thereby causing damage to, or interference with, the premises.

It is unlawful for the owner or custodian of a dog to permit barking or any other noise excessively, continuously, or intermittently, for any unreasonable period of time so as to create an annoyance or disturbance of any person at any time of day or night.



Copies of the code can be obtained at City Hall. If you have questions or concerns call 996-2644.



Elections—The general election will be held this fall. Do you know where to vote? Are you registered to vote? Get all the answers and more on the Iowa Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ia.us or call the Dallas County Auditor at 515-993-4751.

Thanks to everyone who celebrated Raccoon River Days 2012!

Thanks to everyone for all of the support and participation of the event! Save the date for next year
June 1st thru 3rd, 2012.

Visit www.cityofvanmeter.com to view pictures from the Raccoon River Days.

There is a link available for you to view and purchase photos.

[http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?
sid=0AZNGLdu4ZNGGLREg&emid=shareprintsharer&linkid=
link4&cid=EM_sharshar](http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=0AZNGLdu4ZNGGLREg&emid=shareprintsharer&linkid=link4&cid=EM_sharshar)

a family community event